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CHRIST, OUR PATTERN IN TEACHING OUR YOUNG

Every teacher has his own favorite teaching method: Mine is INV: ^{live} the case history study.

Shall use incidents, but ~~no~~ names or places because all people mentioned are still living.

Describe murder incident. 73 yr. old man, McKinney St. Hou. Christian boy beat him to death. 17 yrs old. How possible??

- a. Faithful in church and B. S. attendance with father.
- b. Made talk on Tue. night on "Chr. Responsibility". This was 3 days after killing this man. Good talk.

c. Caught in next Sat. night burglary and confessed all. Crazy mixed-up kid. Robbery netted 63¢. Got life sentence.

OBVIOUS FACT: Something wrong with his training program.

Our lesson: Compare his program of training with the pattern Christ has given.

Initial conclusion: Proper respect for God would have prevented this tragedy. Call boy: "Johnny".

I. CHRIST TEACHES "GOD" THROUGH THE DIVINE ARRANGEMENT OF THE HOME.

A. Three basic human needs in life are as follows.

1. To learn to love and be loved. Love ^{water} ^{back}
2. Respect for authority. ^{begins with} Worship
3. A positive program for life. Work and Play ^{sheet}

B. God expects parents to provide these necessities of life.

1. Respect for authority is taught best by father, since he is child's first image of God. Eph. 6:4.

a. Neglect here breeds warped life and crime.

- (1) Ill. F. B. I. Agent's son. "Pay you to teach him"
- (2) JOHNNY'S father was henpecked. Confused him.

2. Love's tender touch should come from the mother.

a. Means: To desire the best for another. Provide it!!
I Tim. 5:14 and Titus 2:4-5.

b. Neglect here can be very costly to the child.

- (1) Ill. JOHNNY'S sister's statement, "We children never loved our mother. She was too cold, distant and haughty toward us. My husband and I go regularly to a marriage counsellor."

3. Parents are mutually responsible for planning a constructive life for their children.

a. An old requirement. Deut. 11:18-23. Prov. 22:6.

RESTORATION OF CHR. HOME! John 10:10-11. I Cor. 12:31.

b. JOHNNY'S father was cowardly and yet severe; while mother was arrogant and wise in her own conceit.

C. When the home arrangement is faulty, then outsiders must help supply the child's needs. Gal. 6:10.

II. TURN TO CHRIST NOW FOR HIS POSITIVE PATTERN FOR TEACHING OUR YOUTH.

A. Christ was never married, yet was mother and father, sister and brother to all living souls.

1. Mark 10:13-16. Gives His personal precept and His personal example regarding youth.
2. Jesus taught us three things in this passage.

a. "Let's take time to understand our children, and forbid them not." V. 14. *LOVED THE M.*

- (1) Bob White case. Losing all by default.
- (2) Minister intercepted children, helped home.
- (3) No minister or friend intercepted JOHNNY.

b. "Let's maintain interest in our children— for of such is the kingdom of God." V. 14. *RESP.*

- (1) Ray Pierson case. Relaxed on third child.
- (2) Police broke up dope ring and caught him. 14.
- (3) Federal Institution releasing this boy to parents in new location, new outlook.
- (4) JOHNNY'S parents didn't know where he was that fateful Sat. night or many others.

c. "Let's bless our children with an aim in life." Contact with Him blessed them.

- (1) U. of H. Psychology Senior. No plans for after graduation. Not attached to anything.
- (2) Jesus blessed the children and said "of such is the kingdom of Heaven. Life's aim."
- (3) Goal of every child is Heaven.

(a) Demands: Parental teaching, Bible School teaching, preaching, Christian School advantages, Christian mate and home.

CONCLUSION: Every young person, when properly taught, knows he came from God and will return to Him.

Such knowledge will afford him a well-balanced life of love, respect, security and hope.

A job well done by Christian parents will produce a satisfied, contented Christian youngster:

JOHNNY did not learn these things Christ provided for him. He will live in Hell on earth the rest of this life. What his life hereafter will be—only God can foresee!!

Johnnys
OTHER youngsters in your home town and mine need our interest and guidance — maybe in your neighborhood or own home. Let's protect. *of the kingdom!*